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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: US NAVY SHIP VISITS TO WEST AFRICA

1. TWO US NAVY SHIPS WILL MAKE PORT CALLS TO WEST AFRICA IN MID-FEBRUARY. THE FRIGATE USS TRIPPE (FF-1075) IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT FREETOWN, 11-13 FEB; LOME, 16-18 FEB; ABIDJAN, 19-21 FEB; AND DAKAR, 24 FEB. THE DESTROYER JONAS INGRAM (DD-938) WILL VISIT DAKAR, 10-12 FEB; ACCRA, 16-18 FEB; AND BANJUL, 22-24 FEB. CAPTAIN W.J. MOREDOCK, USN, COMMANDER DESTROYER SQUADRON FOURTEEN, WILL BE THE SENIOR OFFICER PRESENT AND WILL BE EMBARKED IN THE USS TRIPPE.

2. FOR ACCRA AND LOME--WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED AS SOON AS FORMAL DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE HAS BEEN OBTAINED; CLEARANCE HAS ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE SHIP VISITS FROM ABIDJAN, BANJUL, DAKAR, AND FREETOWN.

3. COMMENCING WITH THIS DEPLOYMENT, US NAVY SHIP VISITS TO WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN PORTS WILL BE MADE ABOUT TWICE A YEAR. TWO SHIPS ASSIGNED TO US MIDDLE EAST FORCE (MIDEASTFOR) ARE ROTATED EVERY SIX MONTHS. IN THE FUTURE, THE SHIPS ENROUTE TO MIDEASTFOR WILL TRANSIT TO WEST AFRICA, CONDUCT THREE-DAY PORT VISITS TO TWO OR THREE AFRICAN PORTS

THEN CONTINUE TO THE PERSIAN GULF VIA THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE SUEZ CANAL. NORMALLY NO MORE THAN TWO SHIPS WILL BE DEPLOYED TO WEST AFRICA AT ANY ONE TIME. AFTER FEBRUARY'S PORT CALLS, THE NEXT ROUND OF DEPLOYMENTS IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE OCTOBER 1977 TIME-FRAME.

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4. LAST MAY, THE FRIGATE USS DONALD B BEARY (FF-1085) VISITED DAKAR AND MONROVIA. DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE FRIGATE USS CAPODANNO (FF-1093) VISITED DAKAR, CONAKRY, AND BANJUL.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DIPLOMATIC ADDRESSEES REPORTING ON REACTION TO FEBRUARY 1977 PORT VISITS.  
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